IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer of its subject matter, and add new claims 2 through 23 as follows:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

1   2. (New) A method comprising:

2   receiving a command from a user to download at least one file from a selected web

3   site;

4   receiving a command from the user to either save the at least one file as is or open

5   the at least one file;

6   retrieving an address of the selected web site in response to the command from the

7   user to open the at least one file;

8   forwarding a query to at least one server to determine if the retrieved address is

9   within an approved web site database;

10   notifying the user that the selected web site is not within the approved web site

11   database upon a determination that the selected web site is not within the approved web

12   site database and downloading the at least one file in an unencrypted format in response

13   to a command from the user to download the at least one file in an unencrypted format to

14   a selected folder of the user;

15   forwarding user information and information with regard to the at least one file to

16   the at least one server upon a determination that the selected web site is within the

17   approved web site database, and receiving encryption information from the at least one

18   server in response thereto;

19   downloading the at least one file in an unencrypted format from the selected web

20   site and converting the at least one file to an encrypted format in accordance with the

21   encryption information from the at least one server; and

22   storing the at least one file in the encrypted format.

1   3. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

2   downloading and saving the at least one file as is in an unencrypted format upon a

3   command from the user to save the at least one file as is.

1   4. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

2   receiving a command from the user to at least one of either play or display the at

3   least one file stored in the encrypted format;

4   retrieving the at least one file stored in the encrypted format and decrypting the at

5   least one file stored in the encrypted format with a previously stored encryption key in

6   response to the user to to at least one of either play or display the at least one file stored

7   in the encrypted format; and

8   playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

5. (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the address of the selected web site comprises an Internet address of the selected web site.

6. (New) The method of claim 3, further comprising transferring the at least one file as is in an unencrypted format to a digital storage device.

7. (New) The method of claim 4, further comprising transferring the now decrypted at least one file to a digital storage device prior to playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

8. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising previously storing the approved web site database on the at least one server.

9. (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving a file from an external source and encrypting the received file from the external source into an encrypted format prior to storing the file.

10. (New) The method of claim 9, further comprising:

receiving a command from the user to at least one of either play or display the at least one file stored in the encrypted format;

retrieving the at least one file stored in the encrypted format and decrypting the at

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5 least one file stored in the encrypted format with a previously stored encryption key in

6 response to the user to at least one of either play or display the at least one file stored in

7 the encrypted format; and

8 playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1 11. (New) The method of claim 10, further comprising transferring the now

2 decrypted at least one file to a digital storage device prior to playing or displaying to the

3 user the now decrypted at least one file.

1 12. (New) An apparatus comprising:

2 at least one server;

3 a computer including:

4 at least one user input device adapted to receive an input from a user;

5 at least one of a display and an audio output device adapted to respectively

6 display or provide an audio output in response to data of a file; and

7 a memory adapted to store files;

8 a digital storage device adapted to be connected to the computer to receive files

9 therefrom; and

10 a network interface adapted to be connected to the computer to receive files from

11 the at least one server via a network;

12 wherein, upon the computer receiving a command from the user via the at least one

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13   user input device to download at least one file from a selected web site and to either save

14   the at least one file as is or open the at least one file, the computer retrieves the address of

15   the selected web site in response to the command from the user to open the at least one

16   file;

17   wherein, upon the computer retrieving the address, the computer forwards a query

18   to the at least one server via the network and a network adapter to determine if the

19   retrieved address is within an approved web site database;

20   wherein, the computer notifies the user that the selected web site is not within the

21   approved web site database upon a determination that the selected web site is not within

22   the approved web site database and downloads the at least one file in an unencrypted

23   format in response to a command from the user to download the at least one file in an

24   unencrypted format to a selected folder of the user;

25   wherein, the computer forwards user information and information with regard to

26   the at least one file to the at least one server upon a determination that the selected web

27   site is within the approved web site database, and receives encryption information from

28   the at least one server in response thereto;

29   wherein, the computer downloads the at least one file in an unencrypted format

30   from the selected web site and converting the at least one file to an encrypted format in

31   accordance with the encryption information from the at least one server; and

32   wherein the computer stores the at least one file in the encrypted format in the

33   memory of the computer.

1   13. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the computer downloads and saves

2   the at least one file as is in an unencrypted format in read upon a command from the user

3   to save the at least one file as is.

1   14. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the computer:

2   upon receiving a command from the user via the at least one user input device to at

3   least one of either play or display the at least one file stored in the memory in the

4   encrypted format;

5   retrieving the at least one file stored in the memory in the encrypted format and

6   decrypting the at least one file stored in the encrypted format with a previously stored

7   encryption key in response to the user to at least one of either play or display the at least

8   one file stored in the memory in the encrypted format; and

9   playing or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   15. (New) The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the computer transfers the at least

2   one stored now decrypted file from the memory to the digital storage device.

1   16. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the computer transfers the

2   unencrypted at least one stored file from the memory to the digital storage device.

1   17. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the address of the selected web site

2   comprises an Internet address of the selected web site.

1   18. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the computer transfers the at least

2   one file as is in an unencrypted format stored in the memory to a digital storage device.

1   19. (New) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the computer transfers the now

2   decrypted at least one file stored in the memory to a digital storage device prior to playing

3   or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   20. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the at least one server stores the

2   approved web site database therein.

1   21. (New) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the computer is adapted to receive

2   a file from an external source and to encrypted the received file from the external source

3   into an encrypted format prior to storing the file.

1   22. (New) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the computer:

2   receives a command from the user to at least one of either play or display the at

3   least one file stored in the encrypted format;

4   retrieves the at least one file stored in the encrypted format and decrypting the at

5   least one file stored in the encrypted format with a previously stored encryption key in

6   response to the user to at least one of either play or display the at least one file stored in

7   the encrypted format; and

8   plays or display's to the user the now decrypted at least one file.

1   23. (New) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the computer transfers the now

2   decrypted at least one file stored in the memory to a digital storage device prior to playing

3   or displaying to the user the now decrypted at least one file.